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Building Name: Berlin Furniture
Public/Private Access

Date C. 1905

Description:

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A wooden bracketed modillion cornice is set at the point marking the division between the first and second floors. Ghost marks above the cornice suggest that at one time a canopy or awning existed over the street entrance to the building. A corbelled cornice, supporting a parapet of headers set in a saw tooth pattern, conceals the backward declining roof of the building. Ventilators are set in the wall above each pair of windows.

A block garage has been attached to the rear of the building and ventilating spaces have been opened in the south wall of the building. Presently the building is in a good state of repair.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Berlin Furniture

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pitts St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Berlin

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

COUNTY

MD

Worcester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Decatur Investments

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

9 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21811

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Courthouse

Liber #: FWH 207

Folio #: 198

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

 SPECIFIC DATES

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, by its scale and design integrity, contributes to the essential character of the commercial district. Similar in proportion and decoration to the core buildings, it extends the visual continuity of the principal streetscape onto a secondary street. Its design and decoration exemplify the turn-of-the-century commercial style in Berlin.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Site 142 on survey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth T. Pribanic, Consultant

August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Mayor and Council

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

10 Williams Street

TELEPHONE

301-641-2770

CITY OR TOWN

Berlin

STATE

MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

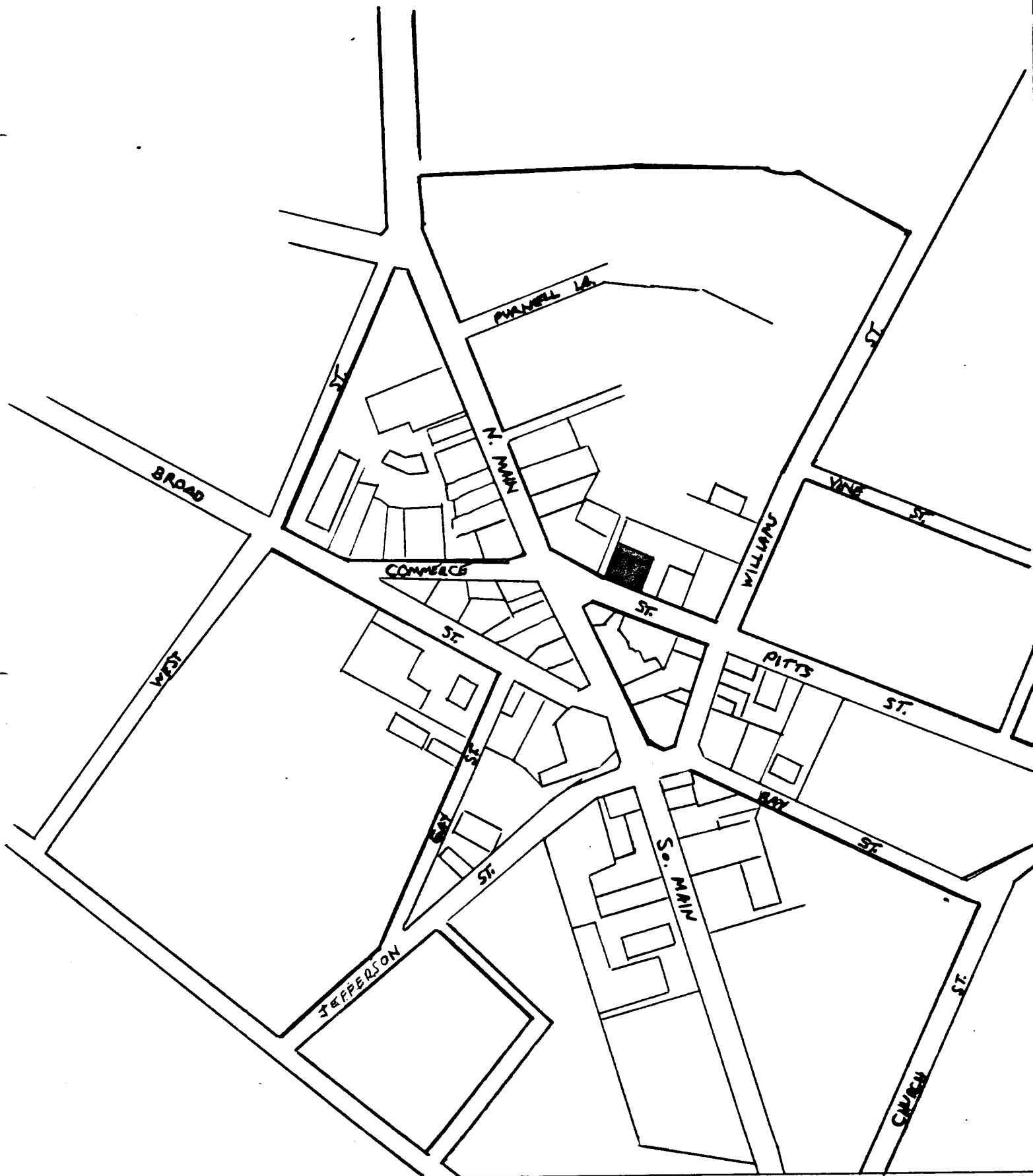
- 6-25-62 FWH 158/693 conveyed by Elizabeth E. Peters to
Donaway Furniture
- 9-17-41 JEB 10/51 conveyed to Norman M. and Elizabeth E. Peters
by Frank D. and Ruth C. Cathell

passed to Norman M. Peters as executor of LW & T of
Mary L. Peters
- 2-17-13 ODC 13/351 conveyed by Henreitta and Roger B. Adams
to Reece C. and Mary L. Peters

conveyed to Henrietta Adams by 2 deeds:
- 2-4-02 FHP 16/497 to Henrietta Adams from Edward S. and
Charlotte E. Furbush
- 9-26-01 FHP 15/565 to Henrietta Adams from Alfred and Jennie
M. Child

Lot comprised of 2 parcels:

- 1-24-99 FHP 11/512 to Edw. Furbush from Calvin B. Taylor
- 1-23-99 FHP 11/511 to Edw. Furbush from Emory E. Bell



—RLIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

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Building Berlin Furniture

Address N. Pitts St.